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SUBJ: QUARTERS ALLOWANCE

- 1. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCE FOR MICHAEL STERNBERG, COMMERCIAL OFFICER ZURICH, THROUGH END OF JUNE ALTHOUGH HE DEPARTING POST END OF MAY.
- 2. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO STERNBERG HAD CONVINCED RELUCTANT LANDLORD TO EXTEND LEASE FOR EXTRA THREE MONTHS THROUGH END OF JUNE. TIMING WAS BASED ON HIS TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DATE OF JULY 13, 1974. LANDLORD HAD WANTED TO TERMINATE LEASE OR EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR. SUBSEQUENTLY, STERNBERG ASSIGNED TO ISRAELI DESK WITH REPORTING DATE OF MID-JUNE. DEPARTMENT HAS NOW INFORMED HIM HE MUST REPORT NO LATER THAN JUNE 3 WHICH NECESSITATES HIS DEPARTURE MAY 30. DESPITE EXPLANATION OF ABOVE, LANDLORD DEMANDS PAYMENT THROUGH END OF JUNE.
- 3. EMBASSY BELIEVES STERNBERG SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO PAY THE APPROXIMATELY 470 DOLS BECAUSE OF A SITUATION CAUSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF HIS CONTROL. RECOMMEND AN EXCEPTION

BE MADE TO SECTION 132.41 OF THE STANDARDIZED TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND THE POST BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY STERNBERG THE LQA THROUGH END OF JUNE.

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